

Statement Concerning Faculty-Recorded Lectures/Classes using WebEx and PG-18

Two Faculty Senators representing Senate Subcommittees, Dr. Edna Schack and Dr. Patricia Harrelson, asked for clarification concerning Intellectual Property (IP) ownership related to class lectures that are broadcasted and/or recorded via WebEx. The issue of IP ownership is addressed in section III.C of PG-18, with exceptions to the university's ownership of IP provided in section III.D.

Section III.D.1 states that the University will not claim ownership rights to traditional academic scholarly work such as books (including textbooks), monographs, articles, reviews, and works of art (including, but not limited to, paintings, sculptures, plays, choreography, musical compositions); and individual course materials such as syllabi, exams, lectures, transparencies, study guides, workbooks, and manuals. Also included are instructional software, web pages, and internet-based instructional materials developed by faculty members in the course of their usual scholarly, pedagogical, and service activities. The latter include projects undertaken during sabbatical leaves, faculty fellowships, and other special assignment periods intended for such activities.

It is my interpretation of this IP exception denoted in Section III.D.1, as the Provost, that "individual course materials" includes class lectures that are broadcast and/or recorded with WebEx (or similar university-supported web-conferencing tools) on University-provided computers, microphones, and cameras and that the ownership of broadcasted and recorded lectures is retained by the faculty member who creates them.

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